



Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

News release

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The Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) announces the release of Technical Bulletin 2002-1, *Assigning to Component Entities Costs and Liabilities that Result from Legal Claims Against the Federal Government*. The Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board has authorized its staff to prepare FASAB Technical Bulletins to provide timely guidance on certain financial accounting and reporting problems.

This technical bulletin is intended to clarify the required reporting of costs and liabilities resulting from legal claims against the Federal government. The technical bulletin requires that all liabilities and costs related to legal claims and judgments must be attributed to the component entities responsible for the programs or activities that contributed to the claims or to their successor component entities. This attribution follows the general principle that all transactions or events reported on the consolidated statements should be attributed to some Federal component entity.

An electronic version of the technical bulletin is available on the World Wide Web at www.fasab.gov. Printed copies of the technical bulletin will be available after August 1, 2002 and can be obtained from FASAB by calling 202-512-7350.

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